

CITY NEWS

Winter 2014

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MILTON-FREEWATER CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY SUPPORT DONATIONS

Recently, City Council members learned of two areas in our community needing financial support--the local food donation warehouse, "The Bread Basket" and the local funding source for financial assistance for those who are struggling with heating bills---which is administered through the Salvation Army.

Volunteers and officials of The Bread Basket had announced that their food supplies for the needy were down by over 50% and the requests for assistance have grown substantially over previous years.

Due to the harsh and extremely low winter temperatures, the Council has also anticipated a larger than normal need for financial assistance for heating bills in our community as well.

At their December 9th Council meeting, Council voted unanimously to donate over \$1,000 each to these important community charities to help out citizens in our city.

Thank you Milton-Freewater City Council for your support of our community!



Pictured (left to right front): Councilor Hopkins-Hubbard, Councilor Anliker, Councilor Irving, Mayor Key, Bob Frye of The Bread Basket. (left to right back): Councilor Chesnut, Councilor Lyon and Councilor Humbert.



E-CYCLE your old TV and Computer

Oregon landfills have been prohibited to accept covered electronic devices (CED's) since 2010. CED's are computers (laptops and desktops), monitors, and televisions. **DO NOT PUT YOUR OLD ONES IN YOUR TRASH CAN!** Electronics contain hazardous substances such as lead, cadmium and mercury that can harm our health and environment. Electronics also contain valuable materials such as copper, gold and aluminum that can be recycled and used in new products. Recycling keeps toxins out of our landfill and conserves natural resources.

RECYCLE THEM FOR FREE! Yes, FREE! You can take them to our local drop off location at the Humbert Refuse office behind the drive-in theater screen located at 54841 Hwy 332. The drop off location is open Tuesday through Thursday during the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. The process is easy, free and environmentally responsible for computers, monitors and TVs.

BEFORE YOU RECYCLE THEM – Erase and remove hard drives from computers. 1. You can destroy the data effectively by wiping off any media before it is given away by physically destroying the drive. 2. Degaussing- which is where a magnetic device is used to remove the data from the hard disks. 3. Many programs that help to overwrite data are readily available online. Be sure you choose from a program that meets or exceeds the US Dept. of Defense standards for data destruction.

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REMINDER:

CHECK TO MAKE SURE YOUR WATER METER IS NOT COVERED UP

Prior to our replacement and modernization of our utility meter systems, the water meters were all opened up manually and visually read every month by our meter reader. With the new automated system, the meters "read themselves" and the reads are transmitted automatically to City Hall.

On occasion we have discovered individual water meters that have been covered up inadvertently. When this happens the meters cannot "read themselves" so an employee is sent out to troubleshoot what the problem is.

To avoid this disruption and the potential fee for an inaccessible meter, we are reminding all of our customers to be sure they are not parking, allowing vegetation to grow, planting or piling anything over the top of the meter.

Thank you to all our customers!



Photos by: Dave Robertson, Water Dept.

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WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I RECYCLE THEM? Once you drop your CED's off Humbert Refuse staff separates the goods by type (i.e. computer monitors, hard drives, TV's) and stores them until they have a truckload. Once the truck is loaded they are sent to Portland, Oregon where they are recycled by a professional recycling company. Electronics are completely disassembled and sorted by material type and recycled.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Scholarship applications are now available for individuals interested in the outside power lineman, electrical engineering or line staking technician trade to receive one \$2,000 scholarship to an accredited line college; graduate or undergraduate course of study at an accredited college, university, or vocational/technical school of the recipients choice. Funding for this program is provided by donations from City Light & Power Linemen and the City of Milton-Freewater Community Support Fund.

Qualifications: High School Graduate or GED
For More Information: Visit school counseling office
Call 541-938-8277
Visit us online at: www.mfcity.com

DEADLINE: April 11, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Applications can be obtained from and submitted to:
City of Milton-Freewater, Attn: Electric Department, PO Box 6, 722 S. Main, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862 or City Shop & Warehouse, PO Box 6, 501 Lamb Street, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862

You may also download an application from the City's website www.mfcity.com click on the News and Announcements link.



THANK YOU

HOGS WILD 4-H CLUB!

Once again your volunteer efforts to change out light bulbs in the snowflake light decorations have helped light up and brighten up our town.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES



Observed: Wednesday, January 1st
Garbage Day: Thursday, January 2nd



Observed: Monday, January 20th
Garbage Day: Tuesday, January 21st



Observed: Monday, February 17th
Garbage Day: Tuesday, February 18th



CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL

City residents may have their Christmas trees removed at no charge January 2nd - 10th. Anything put out after these dates will be subject to fees.

All lights, stands and decorations must be removed and trees must be placed along curb within designated dates. Inquiries can be directed to Public Works at 938-8270, 8272 or 8274.

REMINDERS

Leaf Collection 2013 is OVER –

Please do not put leaves out on the streets or you will be subject to fees. If you have leaves please bag them and put them in your trash can.

Dog License – Purchase by February 28 to avoid an additional \$10 fee. Unaltered dogs are \$35 per year and altered dogs are \$10 per year/

Business License - All businesses operating in the city need a city-issued business license. The fee is \$35.00 and is due January 1 of each year.

Change in Contact Information?

Let us know if you have a contact change such as phone number or mailing address.

Digging?

Call 8-1-1 for locates BEFORE you dig. It is the law and it is FREE!

CONSERVATION CORNER

- FREE energy audits and FREE 'No Obligation' bids (by our approved contractors)
- We also offer a residential loan program for customers with approved credit.

IMPORTANT TIP! Close the foundation vents in your home to help protect your water pipes from freezing during the winter months. Open the vents in the spring.

Also, please remember the less fortunate and consider donating to our Energy Assistance Program. All donations collected are matched by the City of Milton-Freewater and ALL money donated is used exclusively for City of Milton-Freewater Light & Power customers.

THERE ARE SPECIFICATIONS FOR ALL MEASURES TO QUALIFY FOR REBATES.

PLEASE CONTACT PAT DIDION AT 541-938-8237 BEFORE INSTALLING OR PURCHASING ANY OF THESE CONSERVATION MEASURES TO ENSURE REBATE QUALIFICATION.

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City Manager	938.8242
City Recorder	938.8233
Community Development	938.8236
Conservation	938.8237
Electric Department	938.8231 or 938.8232
Engineering	938.8230 or 938.8238
Finance Department (utility bill payments/taxi tickets)	938.5531
Fire Business	938.8256
Golf Course	938.7284
Human Resources	938.8243
Library	938.8247
Municipal Court	938.8203
Planning & Zoning	938.8234 or 938.8235
Police Business	938.5511
Public Works	938.8270, 938.8272, 938.8274 or 938.8276

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What's Going On @ the City?

January 2014

- 2 - 10 Christmas tree removal
- 7 Recreation Committee Meeting – 5 p.m. – Monahan Room
- 13 **City Council Meeting – 7 p.m. – Albee Room**
- 14 ***Special Session* Planning Commission Meeting – 7 pm. – Albee Room**
- 20 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY HOLIDAY – offices closed
- 27 **City Council Meeting – 7 p.m. – Albee Room ***
- 30 Library Board Meeting – 7 p.m. – Albee Room

February 2014

- 3 Planning Commission Meeting – 7 pm. Albee Room
- 10 **City Council Meeting – 7 p.m. – Albee Room**
- 17 PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY – offices closed
- 24 **City Council Meeting – 7 p.m. – Albee Room***
- 27 Library Board Meeting – 7 p.m. – Albee Room

March 2014

- 3 Planning Commission Meeting – 7 p.m. – Albee Room
- 10 **City Council Meeting – 7 p.m. – Albee Room**
- 24 **City Council Meeting – 7 p.m. – Albee Room***
- 27 Library Board Meeting – 7 p.m. – Albee Room

*** TENTATIVE MEETING**

All meetings are open to the public. The locations of the meetings are handicapped accessible. Please call City Hall at 541-938-5531, or write the City of Milton-Freewater, PO Box 6, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862 if you will need any special accommodations or an interpreter to attend or participate in the meeting.